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Jimmy Garoppolo goes for the OVC touchdown passing record.

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“TELL THE TRUTH AND DON’T BE AFRAID”

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ADMINISTRATION

Shuttle service gives options

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Student Community Service is offering a free shuttle to transport volunteers every Thursday this semester from 12p.m. to 4p.m.

This offer is for anyone who will be volunteering their time and does not have a car of their own.

Rachel Fisher, the director of Student Community Service, said students can take advantage of this service in order to get to their intended place of whatever volunteering activity they are participating in.

“You volunteer and we will do the driving,” she said. “Just call the agency in advance to arrange your volunteering and SCS will get you there.”

The Volunteer Shuttle is not the same as the Panther Shuttle because it is solely for people who are traveling to their destination of their volunteer service. If students contact the service they can arrange to get picked up and dropped off from and to the destination.

Fisher also said the free service is a solution to the problem that students want to volunteer but only have a certain amount of time to get to the location.

Since the Panther Shuttle can sometimes get full, the volunteer shuttle will give students who need a ride an opportunity to reach their location on time and receive a ride back to their destination. This will be the first time this special service will be used at Eastern.

“There are a great many ways to help in our local community and sometimes transportation can be a barrier,” Fisher said.

She also mentioned that the service is also willing to help provide students with various ways to get involved with a variety of different volunteer services. “With over 60 local agencies to choose from we can help you leave your mark and be the difference,” she said.

The Student Community Service office has a van that will be of help to students for various volunteering opportunities. Questions about the shuttle can be answered by going to the Student Community Service office in the Office of Student Programs in located on the third floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

“This is our Community Service van and students can utilize this by coming to our office,” she said.

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CAMPUS | NATIONAL RANKING

Eastern’s regional rankings increase with new system



By Rachel Rodgers
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Eastern’s ranking as a Midwest regional university jumped 18 notches from last year on account of a new change in the ranking methodology, said the director of data research for the U.S. News and World Report.

The university ranked No. 36 in the Midwest regional universities category, a hike from its No. 54 slot last year. Eastern also climbed seven rankings to the No. 7 spot in the Midwest category restricted to public universities.

The U.S. News and World Report separates colleges and universities into the four categories of national universities, national liberal arts colleges and regional universities and colleges.

Robert Morse, the director of data research for the U.S. News and World Report, said several weighted factors go into determining the rankings, and this year, the methodology changed so

that the graduation rate performance indicator applied to regional colleges and universities.

In the past, the graduation rate performance was only applicable to institutions in the national categories.

“The U.S. News changed the ranking model and put more emphasis on this factor, and Eastern did very, very well in graduation rate performance and rose in the ranking as a result,” Morse said.

Graduation rate performance and graduation retention combined create the most heavily weighted factors, making up about 30 percent of the ranking process, he added. Another heavily weighted factor is academic reputation at about 22.5 percent.

President Bill Perry said Eastern has consistently achieved a graduation rate and retention rate above the national average. The university has a graduation rate of about 60 percent and a freshmen/sophomore retention rate of 79 percent.

“We have been invested in and continue to invest in the quality of our academic programs,” Perry said. “We want to provide the best possible experience here, and we generate personal relationships that set us apart.”

Besides the graduation rate performance, Perry attributed the rank increase to different academic initiatives at Eastern such as the Early Alert System. The system works to identify students having problems with attending classes or completing coursework and creates a line of communication for those students to try and improve their academic habits.

The ranking methodology consists of two pillars, categorizing the school and gathering data on up to 16 academic excellence indicators.

Some of the factors involved in ranking colleges and universities include: surveys, peer-assessment data, academic reputation, financial resources, alumni giving, faculty quality and student-to-faculty ratio.

Schools based in the regional universities category offer a broad range of undergraduate degree options, some master’s programs but few to no doctoral programs.

Eastern tied at No. 36 with the University of Michigan at Dearborn, and other Illinois universities in the regional category include: Bradley University at No. 5, Elmhurst College at No. 11, University of Illinois-Springfield at No. 28, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville at No. 42 and Western Illinois University at No. 48.

The University of Chicago ranked No. 5 in the national universities category, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign ranked No. 41.

Blair Lord, the provost and vice president for academic affairs, was unable to be reached in time of publication.

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CAMPUS | AWARENESS

Sexual Assault awareness website goes live

Staff Report

The Sexual Assault webpage was uploaded as another resource for victims of sexual assault in reporting incidents at Eastern on Wednesday.

The site can be accessed through the turquoise ribbon located at the bottom of the Eastern home page.

Jeannie Ludlow, a member of the Sexual Assault Task Force and president of the SACIS board, said the site will reduce the time it takes for victims to find information from 90 minutes to 30.

Ludlow said the idea for the site was first introduced in March and is largely in response to student concerns within the community.

“I think students on our campus learned what it feels like to be empowered, and what it feels like to ask for what you want and expect it to come through,” Ludlow said. “It’s part of being a responsible citizen, and I think it’s going to stick around. I think students are going to be asking for things and looking for improvements, and I hope they


hold all of us to high standards in that regard.”

The site lists several subtopics including what to do if someone is assaulted, how to report the incident, bystander intervention, as well as other information.

The site can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/sexualassaultresources/>.


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President Perry talks with Diane Blair, a former Eastern employee, as he makes a stop with members of the city of Charleston for the Good Neighbor Project. Blair, who volunteers her time at the Tarble Arts Center and the Neal Welcome Center, retired in 2004 and worked as the publication manager during her time at the university. Blair has lived in the same house for 43 years and has opened up her home for students to live in.

STUDENT GOVERNANCE | ALUMNI RELATIONS

Student Senate votes on golf resolution

By Jarad Jarmon
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Student Senate members passed a budget resolution for the Alumni Relations STAT golf outing at their second meeting of the semester on Wednesday.

The resolution will budget \$445 for the golf outing.

Student Body President Kaylia Eskew said this is the maximum amount that can be spent on this activity.

“Whatever isn’t spent comes right back to (the senate),” Eskew said.

While it was voted on with none opposing, the budget was put under scrutiny from some of the members of Student Senate.

Some of the members were unsure of the promotions for the golf outing.

Even though the outing is not scheduled until Oct. 5, some Student Senate members like Yameira Church said she did not know if there was enough advertising for the event to expect a worthwhile turnout.

Executive Vice President Mitchell Gurick, a co-author of the resolution, also was unsure especially with

the date closing in fast.

Gurick removed himself as an author from the resolution.

Gurick said he was concerned to where the money was going.

He added that he thought it was too early to vote on the resolution.

“None of the sponsors are locked, there are no students that are registered for the event, there hasn’t been any marketing on campus for the event, there is no T-shirt design, and I am a little concerned about that stuff,” Gurick said.

Brandi Binder, the alumni relations committee chairwoman, said she cur-

rently has the seven 32 packs of water and 12 cases Gatorade for the event.

Of the \$445 for the budget, \$300 dollars will go towards the T-shirts.

Binder said Alumni Relations is providing another \$300 dollars towards the T-shirts.

“It is \$4.90 per T-shirt,” Binder said. “The people that are making the T-shirts for us are also sponsoring a hole and they are also sponsoring the T-shirt.”



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ADMINISTRATION | ACADEMICS

CAA to vote on science curriculum changes

By Jack Cruikshank
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The Council on Academic Affairs will vote on seven curriculum changes within the College of Sciences Thursday.

The members will meet at 3 p.m. in Booth Library Room 4440.

The Council will act on requests by

Harold Ornes, the dean of the College of Sciences, to add a biology course, as well as two courses within the Department of Communication Disorders and Sciences.

The two courses within the Communication Disorders and Sciences Department are “CDS 4810: Sign Language and Deaf Culture for the Speech-Language-Pathologist, which is a two-hour sign language class and “CDS

4815: Augmentative and Alternative Communication,” a two hour class that deals with programming technological devices for communication-impaired people.

Gail Richard, chairwoman of the Communication Studies and Sciences department, said under the proposed guidelines, students who are in the CDS major and have already taken a sign language class will be able to waive

the 4810 class and just enroll in 4815.

The modifications come as reviews of the major deemed it necessary to change some classes to the graduate level and allow undergraduate students to enroll in an elective during their senior year.



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ADMINISTRATION | INTERNATIONAL

British students promote study abroad

By Robert Downen
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Students from Britain’s University of Winchester spent the week on campus presenting and observing classes in Eastern’s Kinesiology and Sports Studies Department.

The students, as well as one faculty member from Winchester, came to Eastern as a part of both universities’ ongoing efforts to establish a more reciprocal study abroad program.

It was the first time Eastern had hosted students from the smaller British university an hour outside of London.

John Batten, a lecturer in the sports Studies Department at Winchester, said while the school was working to improve its relationship with Eastern in every field of study, the primary focus of his group’s visit was on sports science.

He said they hoped to promote their new study abroad program, named “Sport Industry in the United Kingdom,” by meeting with kinesiology and sports studies students at Eastern.

Each of the six students took turns presenting to Eastern students on topics such as Olympic volunteering, gender equality in sports, deviancy in sports and national identity, and Batten said each talk was very well-attended.

The group also spent time touring the area outside of Charleston, including attending a St. Louis Cardinals game.

Silas Brown, a sports science major from Winchester, said he felt Eastern is a good fit for an exchange program with Winchester, as facilities and overall culture of the two schools are very similar, despite Winchester only having around 5,000 students.

However, Brown also said there is an innate difference in approaches to education between the two universities, noting Eastern’s classes had a bigger emphasis on practical discussions and labs.



Emma Louise Parker, a sports science student, and John Batten, a sports psychology lecturer, tell students about opportunities to study abroad in the United Kingdom.

Matt Butler, a sports science major from Winchester, said he also felt there was a noticeable difference between the two schools.

“The biggest difference I’ve felt was that we have more of a research agenda, whereas Eastern focuses much more on an industry agenda,” Butler said.

Batten agreed with that sentiment, and explained further: “Eastern’s class-

es have a more professional approach, meaning they focus more on future jobs and what students would actually do in the professional field,” he said. “At Winchester, however, we are more research-driven. We focus primarily on how to conduct research within our field.”

As of now, the sports science abroad program only consists of two-week visits to Winchester.

However, Jon Oliver, a kinesiology and sports science professor at Eastern and the director of the program with Winchester, said he hoped to exchange more students over coming years.

“Right now, the hope is that we can do an annual collaboration with Winchester,” Oliver said. “We plan to have them host kinesiology and sports studies students in May and then bring

their students over for a period in September.”

Batten and Oliver both said they hoped this initial visit was the first of a long-standing and coherent relationship for both Winchester and Eastern students.

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CAMPUS | RESIDENCE HALLS

Party to raise breast cancer awareness

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Andrews Hall has teamed up with the Louis V. Hencken Chapter of The National Residence Hall Honorary to host the first event of the year in support of breast cancer awareness.

The Pink Party is a fundraiser to raise awareness for breast cancer and fundraise for research efforts. This event will be from 3p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Andrews Hall basement.

The Pink Party will be an opportunity for student to learn about breast cancer while participating in activities including professional pink hair coloring for \$5, pink nail station for \$3, “I love boobies” bracelets for \$2, and a bake sale.

If you go:

- Fundraising for breast cancer awareness from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday in the Andrews Hall Basement
- Professional pink hair coloring for \$5
- Pink nail station for \$3
- “I love boobies” bracelets for \$2

The money raised will be given to the Mills Breast Cancer Institute in Champaign, as well as for research purposes at Sarah Bush Hospital.

However, students do not necessarily have to spend money to attend because there will be PINK giveaways and PINK movies as well.

Valerie Penn, the associate director of Andrews Hall, said she wants to

express to all students that there is no pressure in paying for anything. She said she just hopes students come to enjoy and get educated about the cause.

Morgan Busch, the director of Andrews Hall, said she wants to encourage student to volunteer at the stations for the event and donate baked goods for the bake sale.

The event is meant to be the kick-off for the Residence Hall Association’s annual Residents On Campus Fest along with NRHH’s Breast Cancer Awareness Week September 16 to 20.

Students can also continue to support the cause by attending the T-shirt sale fundraiser for the Mill’s Foundation from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during Breast Cancer Awareness week in the South Quad and near Coleman Hall.

There will also be a dunk tank from

10 a.m. to 3p.m. Sept 20th in the South Quad which will also raise money for breast cancer research.

The Pink Party has a goal of raising \$500 to add to the amount the Louis V. Hencken raised last year for breast cancer research, Busch said.

If the Pink Party is a success it will become an annual event, Penn said, she said she is encouraging all students to come experience an entertaining and educating party.

Students interested in volunteering by donating baked goods to the bake sale or want to volunteer at one of the stations at the Pink Party can contact Morgan Busch by email at mbusch@eiu.edu.

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BLOTTER

Cannabis, DUI reported

- At 11:25 p.m. Sunday, a cannabis complaint was reported at Douglas Hall. This incident was referred to the Office of Student Standards.
- At 10:26 p.m. Monday, Gianna Sabella, 19, of Chicago, was arrested near Pemberton Hall. She was charged with driving under the influence of drugs and released at 11:58 p.m. after posting a 10 percent of a \$1,000 bond.

CORRECTION

In Wednesday’s issue of *The Daily Eastern News*, in the photo caption with the article “Current heat wave predicted to end after Wednesday,” Michelle Pfeiffer incorrectly identified her year and major for the photo. She is a former Eastern student. *The News* regrets the error.

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PAWS UP/PAWS DOWN



RUGBY: Eastern's rugby team has just suffered two of its biggest losses in the its history.



HEAT WAVE: Weather is predicated to cool off giving Eastern students a break from the heat.



STUDY ABROAD FAIR: The study abroad was held Wednesday. Students could go get ideas for possible study abroad trips.



EASTERN RANKINGS: Eastern moved up 18 spots in the 2014 list of U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges."



BOOK SALE: Booth library book sale took place on Wednesday. It provided a opportunity to purchase related to all fields and interests.

“LET’S GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT”

What, if any, are the benefits of studying abroad?

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Enrollment is student issue too

Throughout the past several years, Eastern has suffered from a decline in enrollment. While this may appear to an administrative issue, it is a problem directly affecting students, and students need to pay attention to its development.

Eastern can be likened to a machine. In order to run properly, the machine has to have its components working properly. One of these is the enrollment at Eastern.

Without a well-sized population at Eastern, different gears in the machine cannot run as effectively.

Without a high enough enrollment, Eastern loses out on various state funds, and therefore Eastern cannot pay for some of its utilities.

Tuition is a pretty big deal also correlating to enrollment. While students enrolled now are in a fixed tuition for their stay at Eastern, if enrollment continues its decline incoming students will have to pay higher tuitions than year's past.

Current students may not think this will affect them too much, but low enrollment, mixed in with higher tuition, means lower class interest.

That could be problematic for students already at Eastern.

Imagine a class at Eastern that would be worthwhile to take to further individual career paths. Now imagine that class is no longer offered because of a lack of student interest.

This is an effect of low enrollment. Student interest helps the Eastern machine move smoothly, and without it, current students

will lose out on important opportunities.

Although students – current and incoming – should care about enrollment, it is up to the university to help students by providing them with a suitable environment – despite enrollment woes.

It is understandable that after large classes graduate – and Eastern just had two in the past two years, but at a certain point, preparation needed to go into how the university will approach the years after.

Rebuilding the Eastern environment should be up to the university as a whole. Different recruiting techniques have been put in place, but rebuilding should be a primary focus of the university.

Changes in enrollment will have a ripple effect that will in turn reach every student at Eastern.

Without a higher enrollment, Eastern cannot give students the best possible resources.

As bigger classes continue graduating, Eastern's pool of students will get smaller, and it will become a vicious cycle. The people paying the price are the students.

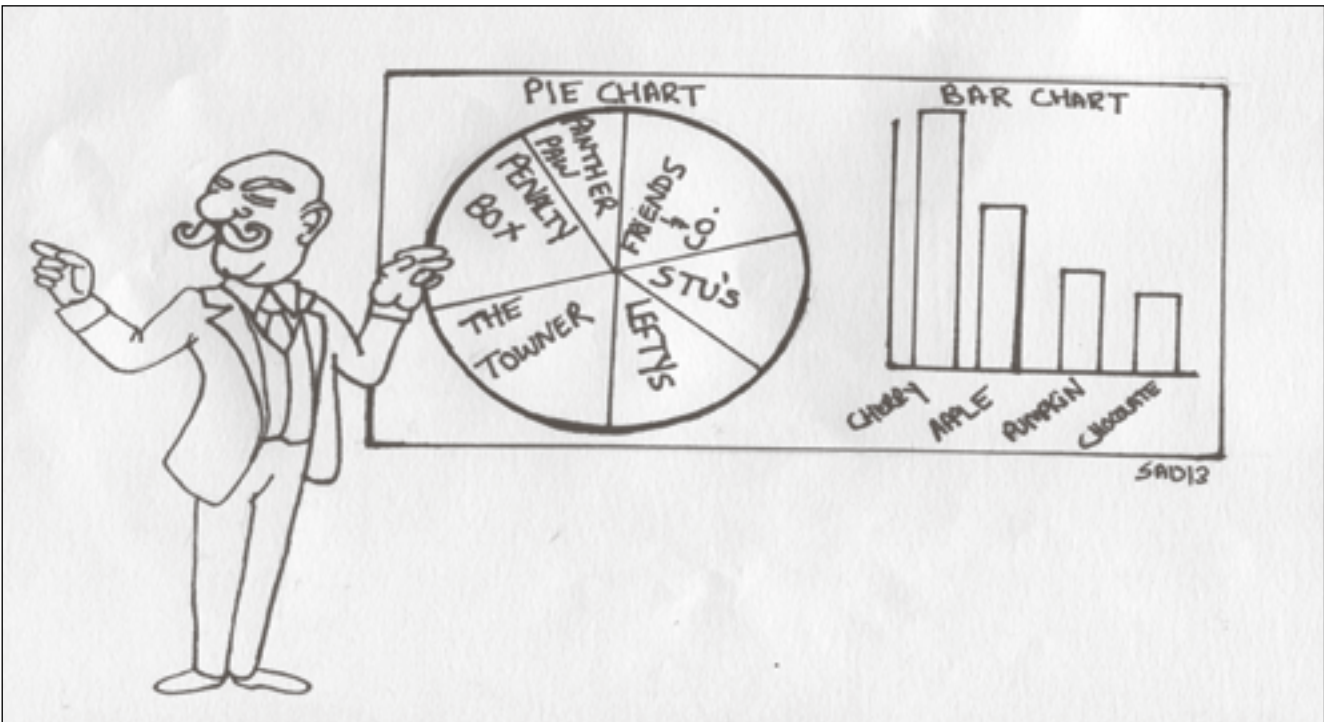
Students need to take note of the situation at Eastern and know that even if it does not seem like it is affecting them, it has consequences that will affect them, sooner or later.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Eastern enrollment is low.
- **Stance:** Eastern students should take an interest in enrollment, it affects them.

DRAWN FROM THE EASEL



SABRINA ANN DUNCAN | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

The semester has started; it's time to catch up

I had never walked into the wrong classroom on Eastern's campus; at least not until my senior year.

Not just walk in mind you; I sat in the class for a whole five minutes wondering why the information the professor was giving sounded odd. When I realized the mistake I made, I had to make the painful choice to climb over the stranger sitting next to me, in the Lumpkin Hall's Lecture Hall to move on to my next class, or not. After that incident, I totally forgot how to tell time and missed one of my classes on that first Wednesday.

Before the start of each semester, I make a master schedule of my daily engagements, and have the mindset and the strength to push me through the semester with my hopeful 4.0 GPA. I realize that this schedule ends up as a big sham of my actual reality.

Eastern, remember that you can still have fun, but this is school. Remember that you have every right to say, "No, I have to study." If you are an involved in a Registered Student Organization or other activ-



Olivia Diggs

ities here at Eastern, you may know others in your organization can suck you dry if you let them.

Everyone always needs something. Finding the ability to say no to others takes time for many people. Once you have that power, you can start putting yourself in the center of what is important, yourself and academics.

Take some you time, but not too much YouTube time. According to The student Success Center's 100 Suggestions for Success, you should balance your work and recreational time. Taking breaks while studying makes studying more manageable.

Find your place to study. I tend to think mine is the couch, until I wake up the next morning with my textbook and dog on my chest.

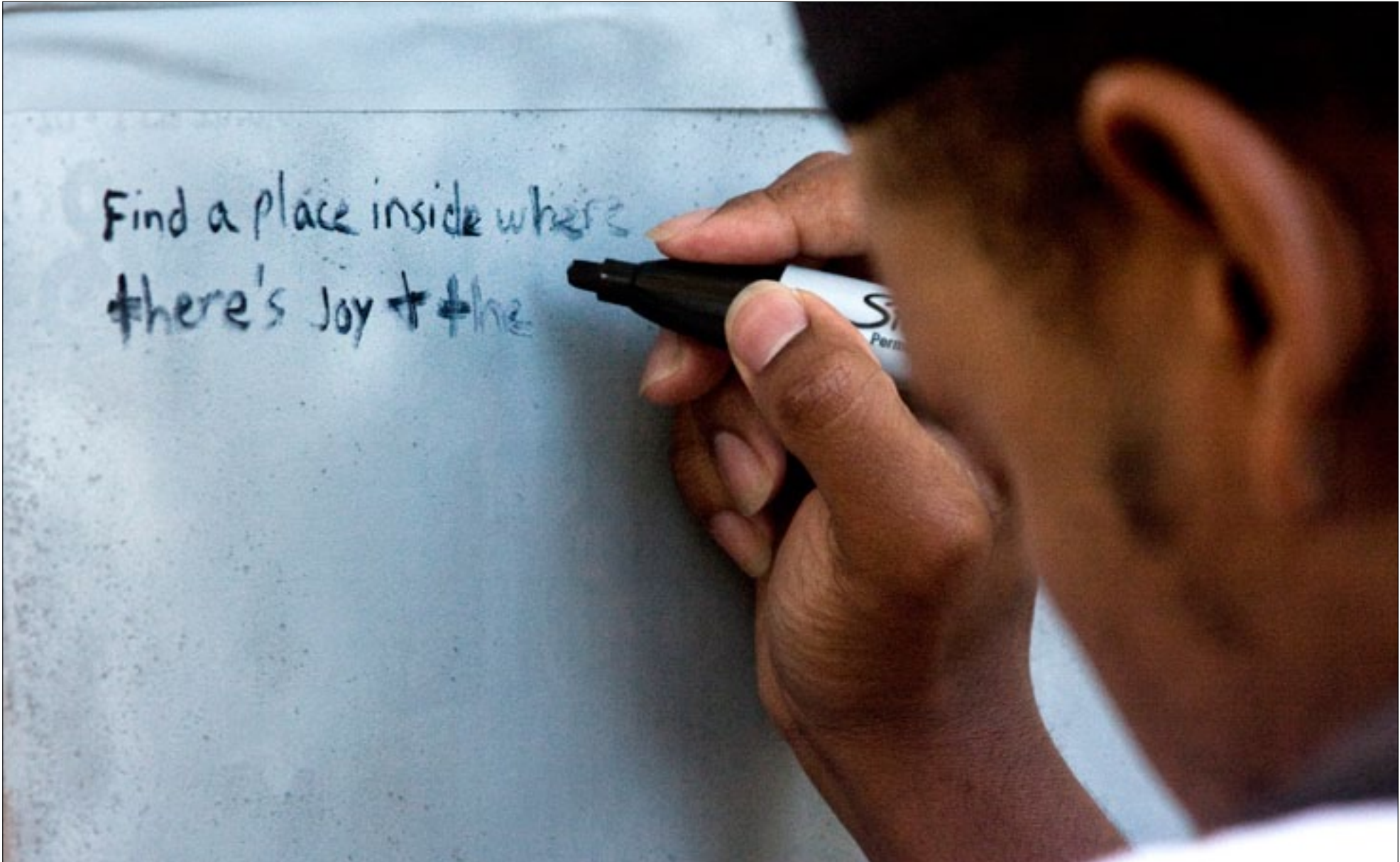
Go to the library and not just for the first two days of the semester. Make a scheduled time to study throughout your schedule and hold them to just as high a standard as going to class.

Go to the 24-hour study lounge. There are some days where I feel like I can't get in any studying until around midnight, and it is the perfect place to go. If you study around comfy furniture during the night, you will most likely succumb to the human desire to sleep. Since it is nice outside, take your book to the Doudna steps to read.

Use all of the great resources this campus has for you, and push yourself to do well. Get on your grind early Eastern. Don't get to the end of the semester and have regrets.

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Remembering the day



KATIE SMITH | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Nick Ramsey, a senior kinesiology and sports studies major writes on a cardboard replica of the Twin Towers in remembrance of the events of September 11, 2001. Ramsey chose to sign, "Find a place inside where there's joy, and the joy will burn out the pain," a quote from Joseph Campbell. Ramsey said to him the quote speaks about not being able to forget a memory, but moving forward over time to a happier place.

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WOMEN’S SOCCER | PREVIEW



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Hannah Miller, a sophomore forward, fights for possession against an Oakland defender in Friday’s 5-1 loss at Lakeside Field. The women’s soccer team will play two opponents this weekend.

Women’s soccer plays two opponents this weekend

By Dominic Renzetti
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The Eastern women’s soccer team (0-5-0) will have two more opportunities this weekend to notch its first win of the season. The Panthers will travel to take on a Southeastern Conference opponent Missouri on Friday and then come home to take on Loyola on Sunday at Lakeside Field. The Panthers will be taking on a Missouri Tigers team that was No. 39 in the College Sports Madness pre-season top-44 rankings. Missouri enters at 3-3-0, coming off two straight losses against No. 10 Baylor and San

Diego in overtime. Eastern will be the second Ohio Valley Conference team on the Tiger’s schedule, as Southeast Missouri was defeated 4-0 on Oct. 30 by Missouri. Missouri has scored 15 goals in its six matches this season, while Eastern has just one goal, Madison Carter’s in the season opener against Oakland. Eastern scored 20 total goals last season in 19 matches. Juniors Taylor Grant and Kaysie Clark and sophomore Reagan Russel each have three goals this season for Missouri, leading the scoring. As a team, the Tigers have taken 94 shots so far this season, compared to just 28 from Eastern. Their opponents have

outshot the Panthers 108-23 in 2013. The Tigers also have 47 shots on goal, compared to just 12 from the Panthers. Red-shirt junior goalkeeper McKenzie Sauerwein, who started all 22 matches for the Tigers last season and 20 of 21 matches in 2011, has started all six matches so far in 2013. Sauerwein has allowed seven goals and made 19 saves this season. Eastern has started three different goalkeepers this season with interim coach Jason Cherry giving starting nods to sophomore Emily Hinton, red-shirt freshman Kylie Morgan and sophomore Cortney Jerzy. Combined, they have given up 15 goals and made

36 saves. The match is scheduled to start 6:30 p.m. Friday at Missouri. The Panthers will return to Lakeside Field for the first time since the season opener to take on Loyola. The Ramblers enter at 1-2-2 as of Wednesday, coming off two losses in the Marquette Invitational to Colorado College and Saint Mary’s. Loyola was shutout in both matches. The Marquette Invitational marked the first time this season the Ramblers did not go to overtime. Loyola tied South Dakota 1-1 in the season opener, fell to South Dakota State 2-1 in overtime just two days later and tied Big Ten opponent In-

diana. All three of Loyola’s goals have been scored by a different player, with senior Tricia Stonebraker, sophomore Kristin Rodriguez and junior Monika Lee all contributing. Junior Monica Gonyo has started all three of Loyola’s matches, making 14 saves and giving up two goals. Gonyo started 19 matches in 2012 and 13 in 2011 for the Ramblers. The match is scheduled to start at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at Lakeside Field.

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WOMEN’S GOLF | PREVIEW

Panthers ready to compete at Chicago State Invitational

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The Eastern women’s golf team is set to tee-off for the first time this season on Sunday at the Chicago State Fall Invitational. The tournament runs through Tuesday and will be held at the Harborside International Golf Course in Chicago. The team took ninth place in the event last year, but it returns this year returning three players and a few new faces. Eastern junior Tiffany Wolf said the team is ready for the start of the fall season. “I am very excited to start the season and compete again,” Wolf said. “I am also looking forward to

get the new girls out there for them to get some experience because that is important.” Senior Emily Fitzgerald shared Wolf’s enthusiasm for this year’s campaign.

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-Tiffany Wolf, Eastern golfer

“It’s my senior year, so it’s time to step it up,” Fitzgerald said. “I’m excited for the season to get underway.” Harborside Golf Course will present challenges to the Panthers, but Wolf said she likes that about this course.

“I like that it is a challenging course,” she said. “It will reward you if you execute certain shots.” The course presents a lot of large greens, long fescue grass and many bunkers. The team must beat these hazards to have success in the tournament. “The course has a ton of fescue with large greens,” Fitzgerald said. “Keeping the ball in play and out of the fescue will be important to eliminate the big numbers.” The senior scored a 186 in last

year’s tournament, shooting 42 over par during her two rounds of golf. Wolf shot a 22 over par, finishing 43rd overall last year at Harborside. Fitzgerald said she has been working on her short game, and her offseason work will finally be tested at Harborside. “I’ve worked hard on my short game over the summer which will be really important at Harborside,” she said. “Harborside has really large greens.” Wolf said she has made a plan to

play the course as well. “My ability to hit the ball straight will help me play this course,” she said. “Bunker play will be key here and putting as well.” The team is going to embrace the challenges presented by the course and will enjoy playing in Chicago. “The course will be in great shape and fun to play,” Fitzgerald said. Eastern’s tee-time has not been scheduled yet, but the Panthers will begin play Sunday morning at Harborside International Golf Course in Chicago.

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@DEN_Sports tweet of the day: #EIU baseball added Adam Akin as a volunteer assistant coach, head coach Jim Schmitz, announced Tuesday.

FOOTBALL | TOP CAT

‘The comeback kid’

Garoppolo poised in double overtime win

By Anthony Catezone

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The clutch drive of Eastern’s 40-37 double overtime win at Southern Illinois-Carbondale was one that would not pop out on stat sheets, but it showed why coach Dino Babers wants only Garoppolo leading his offense.

Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo led the Panther offense onto the field with 2:13 left in the fourth quarter at their own 11-yard line.

“Those are just those situations you dream as a little kid being a quarterback,” he said. “You always want the ball on the last drive. You want it in your hands, and you don’t want to put it on anyone else.”

Eastern’s defense had just surrendered a touchdown six seconds earlier that tied the game at 30, and the Panthers had an opportunity to end the game in regulation.

Eastern had already scored two touchdowns on offense in less than two minutes in the first half, so the third time around seemed routine for the Panthers.

The offense would march down the field to the three-yard line, setting kicker Cameron Berra up for the possible game-winning field goal.

Berra had the 20-yard attempt blocked — sending the game into overtime.

But it is what Garoppolo was able to accomplish on that final drive in regulation that has set him apart from most FCS quarterbacks just two games into this season.

The Walter Payton Award Candidate completed all five of his passes for 61 yards and added an eight-yard scramble during the final drive in regulation.

“Those are the moments you live for as a quarterback,” Garoppolo said. “You have to take advantage of them.”

Garoppolo led the charge of an 11-play, 86-yard drive, putting Eastern in position to seal the victory.

“We started off the tempo early with first downs and got (Southern’s) defense tired,” Garoppolo said. “It was 100-something plays at that



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The Eastern Illinois Panthers defeated the Southern Illinois Salukis 40-37 on Saturday September 7 in double overtime.

point, so you know the defense was tired.”

Coach Dino Babers said he had no doubt in his mind Eastern was going to go drive down the field for a potential score.

“He’s like the comeback kid,” Babers said. “He’s cool; he’s calm. He’s that gunslinger that isn’t worried about it. He knows he’s fast on the draw, and you better be really, really good to beat him.”

With less than a minute left, Garoppolo scrambled for an eight-yard rush to the Southern 14-yard line.

He said the linebackers of Southern did a good job of walling off the Eastern receivers, causing the Panthers’ play-call to breakdown.

“I saw the opening,” Garoppolo said. “I thought I’d get a couple

more yards and make the field goal that much easier. It got us down there; unfortunately, we missed and went to overtime. The rest is history.”

The history that Garoppolo is referring to is Southern missing a field-goal attempt of its own in the second overtime, after both teams scored a touchdown to tie the game at 37 in the first overtime. Berra then redeemed himself making the game-winning 36-yard field goal.

But the history does not stop there.

Garoppolo finished with 440 passing yards — fifth most in Eastern history and the second most of his career. He completed 34-of-56 passes (60.7 percent) with four touchdowns and one interception.

Garoppolo currently leads the na-

tion with 801 passing yards and 65 completions. And on Monday, he was named Sporting News National Offensive Player of the Week.

He is second in the history of the Ohio Valley Conference with 72 career touchdown passes, 13 away from Eastern alumnus Tony Romo.

Garoppolo is also 1,521 yards away from passing Sean Payton for most passing yards in program history.

“This young man is an exceptional student of the game,” Babers said. “I think that is going to carry him a long way, not only this season, but in his next career.”

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Quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo is 14 touchdown passes away from breaking the Ohio Valley Conference all-time record.

CROSS COUNTRY | PREVIEW

Panthers Cross Country prepare for Illinois State Invite

By Blake Nash

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The next test for the Eastern cross country team will take place this Friday at the Illinois State Invite.

It had an eventful week, since the season opener last week, as it hosted the Walt Crawford Open.

The men took first place, while the women took second. Also, two runners were named Ohio Valley Conference Runners of the Week in Emily Brelsfoard and Michael Hessler.

Coach Erin Howarth said she does not change this week’s preparation plans.

“Our goals this week are to improve on last week and move on with our mistakes,” Howarth said. “I expect the men to do their best to win



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The men’s cross country team endures a long-distance run during a meet on September 6.

and the women to close the gap between our second through fifth, as well as our first through second runners.”

Howarth also said this week’s competition will not be easy.

“The tournament field includes North Central College, last year’s

Division III champion,” she said. “The rest of the field includes an improved Illinois State team, Bradley, Northern Iowa and Illinois-Chicago.”

Another thing that Howarth hopes to improve lies out of the team’s control. Last week temperatures around the mid-80s caused a few runners to need medical attention.

“This week’s temperature is expected to be 73 degrees around race time,” Howarth said. “We have focused on staying hydrated and ensuring we get enough water each and every day.”

Questions have arisen about whether any runners affected by the heat will run this Friday, but Howarth said the only injuries sustained were minor bumps and bruises.

“Due to a few bumps and bruises,

es, we will be holding a few runners out,” Howarth said. “But hopefully we will see everyone toe the line in four weeks.”

Another fact brought up by Howarth is this week’s field dimensions. She said the field size will be smaller, which makes it easier to keep tabs on opponents.

“We plan to keep up with the leaders as a pack for as long as possible,” Howarth said. “That’s what it comes down to, whoever has the most guts.”

Following this week’s meet the Panthers will have a four-week break until their next meet in October.

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